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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS PINT PFOR ET (HAILE SELASSIE, EMPEROR)
SUBJECT: PMAC REVEALS EMPEROR'S ILLNESS: EMBASSY COMMENTS

REFS: (A) ADDIS 6118; (B) ADDIS 5879 (EXDIS); (C) ADDIS 5714;
(D) ADDIS 4335 (LIMDIS)

1. ANNOUNCEMENT REF A IS CONSONANT WITH FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM, REPORTED REF B.

2. ACCORDING REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFIER, OPERATION TO RELIEVE EX-EMPEROR'S LIKELY CONDITIONS CAN BE PERFORMED IN ADDIS. HOWEVER, GIVEN CALIBER OF MEDICAL TALENT AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE HERE AT PRESENT, AS WELL AS AGE AND LIKELY CONDITION OF PATIENT, HE ESTIMATES THAT CHANCES OF LOSING PATIENT DURING PROCEDURE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN IT WOULD BE IN EUROPE OR US -- SAY, ONE IN FOUR, OBVIOUSLY, ADDITIONAL TALENT COULD BE CALLED IN, AND DANGER LIES IN POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS MORE THAN IN PROCEDURE ITSELF. MEMORY LAPSES, TESTINESS, ETC. REFERRED TO IN REF C, MOREOVER, TEND TO CONFIRM THAT EMPEROR, AS WE HAD ALSO HEARD, SUFFERING FROM UREMIA AS WELL.

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3. WE WOULD SPECULATE THAT PMAC WILL BE MOST RELUCTANT TO ALLOW

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EX-EMPEROR TO BE TREATED/OPERATED ABROAD. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE,
THAT OPERATION LIKELY BE UNDERTAKEN HERE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
IF OUTCOME SATISFACTORY WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE ANNOUNCED
PROMPTLY.
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